



LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

July 31, 2007

County of Los Angeles
Sheriff's Department Headquarters
4700 Ramona Boulevard
Monterey Park, California 91754-2169



The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD TO SIGN REQUIRED CERTIFICATION
FORM AND APPROVE THE SUBSEQUENT AWARD, FROM THE GOVERNOR'S
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SEXUAL
ASSAULT FELONY ENFORCEMENT TEAM PROGRAM
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 Votes)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Request the Chair of the Board to sign and affix a wet signature to the Certification of Assurance of Compliance form required by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) (Attachment), which will authorize the Sheriff of Los Angeles County, as an agent for the County, to submit the grant application on behalf of Los Angeles County to the Governor's OES, for the Los Angeles County Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Team program. Under this program, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) is allocated \$1,199,000 to support the program, with no matching funds required.
2. Approve the grant award, subsequent to execution by OES, and authorize the Sheriff, or his designee to sign and execute any subsequent amendments, modifications, augmentations, and/or extensions to said grant, should such action(s) be required during the term of the grant.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Governor's OES received funding in the Governor's Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08 Budget for the purpose of funding seven projects statewide to initiate SAFE Teams in each of the seven OES Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Regions. The formula for this grant funding, as calculated by OES and earmarked for each mutual aid region, is requested through the application process.

A Tradition of Service

Under the requirements of the OES, the applicant must complete a Certification of Assurance of Compliance form, signed by the Governing Body, which includes details regarding Equal Employment Opportunity Program (EEOP), Drug Free Workplace Compliance, California Environmental Quality Act, Lobbying, Debarment and Suspension requirements, and Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board. The applicant is required to submit the necessary assurances before finalization of the grant award agreement. The Department submitted the application prior to the due date of June 4, 2007, and will submit the Board signed Certification, when signed, to complete the application process.

The Department's SAFE Team program is a countywide effort funded to combat the non-compliance of Penal Code Section 290 registrants within the jurisdiction. Los Angeles County has 25 percent of the State's total registrants. The SAFE Team will provide for a team of investigators, including a deputy district attorney and a probation officer, who will target non-compliant sex offender registrants within Los Angeles County. The establishment of the SAFE Team will facilitate a centralized location for inter-agency communication, tracking, and sharing of intelligence to assist in the tracking and monitoring of the sex offender registrants. This effort is intended to reduce recidivism through community education, increase contact by law enforcement with the identified population, increase registration compliance monitoring, and ensure that sex offenders are registering and are being tracked appropriately.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The SAFE Team program supports two (2) goals within the County of Los Angeles' Strategic Plan. Specifically, with the support of this funding source, the Department will be given the opportunity to realize the achievement of Goal 2, Workforce Excellence, and Goal 5, Children and Families' Well-Being. The efforts of this program will educate the community, parents, as well as the Penal Code Section 290 registrants, to ensure that sex offenders are registered and are being tracked appropriately, ultimately making the community feel safer and more secure.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The second year of allocated grant funding, in the amount of \$1,199,000, is for \$744,321 in Salaries and Employee Benefits; \$407,649 in Services and Supplies for operating costs; and \$47,030 in Equipment, which is off-set by State funds, with no local match required.

It is anticipated that the OES will provide the same level of funding annually for this on-going program. The Department has included funding for this program in the Department's FY 2007-08 budget request.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The State OES requires the certification be signed by the County's Governing Body before the grant award can be fully executed. Therefore, this letter requests that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors sign the attached certification for submission to OES. This Board letter has been reviewed by the County justice departments and approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

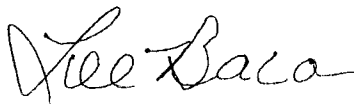
This Board action will allow the Department to successfully deploy the Los Angeles Regional SAFE Team within the County. Due to the number of sex offenders not registering as ordered, the program may have a significant impact on the County justice departments.

The Chief Deputy Public Defender has determined that the SAFE Program will impact their department and that one additional deputy public defender III will be required to handle the additional workload for cases prosecuted by the 100 percent funded deputy district attorney III (DDA III) budgeted in the grant. The second year of funding will only allow for the DDA III and an officer from the Los Angeles County Probation Department, funded at 50 percent by the grant, to participate in the program. It is anticipated that the same level of funding will be made available for the program in Fiscal Year 2008-09.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, the Department requests that your Board please provide four (4) individually adopted copies of this action and one (1) signed copy of the Certification of Assurance of Compliance. The Department's contacts for this requested Board action are Peter Zavala, Grants Manager, at (323) 526-5112 or Marcelle Murr, Grants Analyst, at (323) 526-5212.

Sincerely,



LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

I, LEROY D. BACA

(official authorized to sign grant award; same person as Section 12 on Grant Award Face Sheet) hereby certify that

RECIPIENT: COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

PROJECT TITLE: LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL SAFE TEAM

is responsible for reviewing the *Recipient Handbook* and adhering to all of the Grant Award Agreement requirements (state and/or federal) as directed by OES including, but not limited to, the following areas:

I. Equal Employment Opportunity - (*Recipient Handbook, Section 2151*)

It is the public policy of the State of California to promote equal employment opportunity by prohibiting discrimination or harassment in employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability (mental and physical) including HIV and AIDS, medical condition (cancer and genetic characteristics), marital status, sex, sexual orientation, denial of family medical care leave, denial of pregnancy disability leave, or age (over 40). **OES-funded projects certify that they will comply with all state and federal requirements regarding equal employment opportunity, nondiscrimination and civil rights.**

Please provide the following information:

Equal Employment Opportunity Officer: DARRELL B. BOLIN, JR.

Title: LIEUTENANT

Address: 4700 RAMONA BOULEVARD, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754

Phone: 323/526-5612

Email: DBBOLIN@LASD.ORG

II. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 - (*Recipient Handbook, Section 2152*)

The State of California requires that every person or organization awarded a grant or contract shall certify it will provide a drug free workplace.

III. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) - (*Recipient Handbook, Section 2153*)

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.) requires all OES funded projects to certify compliance with CEQA. Projects receiving funding must coordinate with their city or county planning agency to ensure that the project is compliance with CEQA requirements.

IV. Lobbying - (*Recipient Handbook, Section 2154*)

OES grant funds, grant property, or grant funded positions shall not be used for any lobbying activities, including, but not limited to, being paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal grant or cooperative agreement.

V. Debarment and Suspension - (*Recipient Handbook, Section 2155*)
(This applies to federally funded grants only.)

OES-funded projects must certify that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of federal benefits by a state or federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department of agency.

VI. Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board

The above-named organization (applicant) accepts responsibility (with an original signature) for and will comply with the requirement to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board in support of this program. The applicant agrees to provide all matching funds required for said project (including any amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of OES, and that any cash match will be appropriated as required. It is agreed that any liability arising out of the performance of this Grant Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and OES disclaim responsibility of any such liability. Furthermore, it is also agreed that grant funds received from OES shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the city council/governing board.

The applicant is required to obtain written authorization (in accordance with: *Government Code, Section 25103*) from the city council/governing board that the official executing this agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so. The applicant is also required to maintain said written authorization on file and readily available upon demand. This requirement does not apply to state agencies.

All appropriate documentation must be maintained on file by the project and available for OES or public scrutiny upon request. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the grant or termination of the grant or both and the recipient may be ineligible for award of any future grants if the OES determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) the recipient has made false certification, or (2) violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

CERTIFICATION

I, the official named below, am the same individual authorized to sign the Grant Award Agreement [Section 12 on Grant Award Face Sheet], and hereby swear that I am duly authorized legally to bind the contractor or grant recipient to the above described certification. I am fully aware that this certification, executed on the date and in the county below, is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

Authorized Official's Signature:



Authorized Official's Name: (print)

LEROY D. BACA

Authorized Official's Title:

SHERIFF, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Date Executed:

6-1-07

Federal ID Number:

95-6000927

Executed in the City/County of:

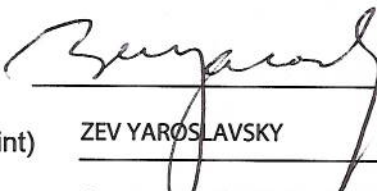
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AUTHORIZED BY: (Not Applicable to State Agencies)

- City/County Financial Officer, or
- City Manager, or
- Governing Board Chair



Signature:



Name: (print)

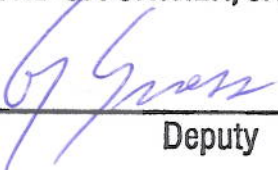
ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

Title:

CHAIR, LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APPROVED AS TO FORM
RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR, County Counsel

BY



Deputy

Department: Los Angeles County Sheriff

This project, implemented by the Department's Special Victims Bureau, is a Countywide task force that targets and develops tactics to better ensure the registration and tracking of individuals required to register as sex offenders, intended to reduce recidivism through education, frequent contact, and compliance monitoring. The jurisdiction of this project covers the entire County of Los Angeles.

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$ 1,199,000 **County Match Requirements:** 0
Grant Period: 7/1/07 - 6/30/08 **Begin Date:** 7/1/07 **End Date:** 6/30/08
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: 7 **Full Time** 7 **Part Time** 0

Department Head Signature

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Date 7/17/07